



**MAY MEETING**  
**Wednesday**  
**May 19, 7:30 pm**  
**Pioneer Schoolhouse, 3rd & Eagle Streets**  
**Downtown Anchorage**

**Slide Show: Rob DeVelice will show slides of**  
**Prince William Sound.**

**HIKING AND CLIMBING SCHEDULE**

- May 21-22 Pioneer Peak**  
 Western Chugach. Leave town late Friday. Need ice axe, crampons, helmet, basic rope handling skills. Will use running belays on exposed sections. Camp Friday night at about 5000 feet, so light pack. Class E.  
 Leader: Kirk Towner 344-5424
- May 31 Killiak Peak**  
 Western Chugach. Class E, 20 miles, 7000 feet elevation gain, 15+ hour day. Southeast Face. This will be a very long day with bushwhacking, devil's club, scree, loose rock, and bears. Hike 6 miles up Eagle River to Icicle Creek. Bushwhack to Icicle Glacier. Scramble up Killiak's southeast face. Participants must be competent with self-arrest, unroped exposed scrambling and rappelling. Crampons, ice axe, helmet, harness, rappel device, sturdy boots and **excellent physical condition** are

required. Group size limited to 8. No dogs, guns or whiners. Register with leader.  
 Leader: David Hart 338-0554

- Jun 5 Hidden Peak**  
 Western Chugach. One of the Front Range 5,000-footers. Start from Glen Alps. Class C. 5105 feet.  
 Leader: Dennis Morford 522-1179 h, 269-0639 w
- Jun 18-20 Solstice Backpacking Trip on Kenai**  
 Class B. Annual backpacking trip in the Kenai mountains. The location hasn't been decided since there is still a lot of snow! We leave Friday evening, backpack in, climb a peak on Saturday, and hike out Sunday. Details at the next meeting.  
 Leaders: Matt Nedom 278-3648,  
 Tom Choate 333-5309.
- Jul 10 Tikishla Peak**  
 Western Chugach. One of the Front Range 5,000-footers. Start from Stuckagain Heights. Class D. 5150 feet.  
 Leader: Dennis Morford 522-1179 h, 269-0639 w

Jul 24 - Aug 7 Jago River, ANWR

Backpacking and nontechnical climbing trip to explore the Jago River drainage and surrounding mountain peaks (7000-8000 feet). Fly in trip by charter out of Fairbanks, Alaska. Costs \$750 per person. Trip will include about 30 to 40 miles of backpacking (Class B-C) over the two week trip with several camps along the river with 2 to 3 days of day hikes at each camp. We will return to the same airstrip that we will be flown into.

Leader: Don Hansen, 243-7184

## TRAINING SCHEDULE

May - June Glacier Travel & Crevasse Rescue

One weekend and one week.

Prerequisites: Alaska Winter Camping / Backpacking Skills & Gear and Basic Mountaineering Skills & Gear. (Air Transport Cost approx. \$250)

Where: Alaska Range or Wrangell Mts.

Coordinator: Gary Runa 275-3613 msg.

## TRIP REPORTS

### *Caribou Creek Ice Climbing*

by Richard Baranow



March 20-21 saw 17 fellow MCAers swinging ice tools in the Caribou Creek drainage, overnighing about 2 miles in from the bridge Saturday evening. A good time was had by all with plenty of lines being accomplished...along with gads of sunshine absorbed on the

21st! Routes of grades II-IV+ were tackled, lead climbing and top-roping practiced, and fire-building skills rejuvenated. Highlights of the trip included Tom Choate climbing the wet, dripping free-hanging pillar on 'Double Take'(IV+) after two younger (much younger!) members peeled and gave up the fight!

A pleasant surprise seeing Tom's wet, drenched smile coming over the top! He would surely agree...a snorkle would have been appropriate! What was that 'stuff' in his green plastic lime being passed about that evening, anyway?

Two members of the female persuasion, Trish Meissner and Susan Mueller made great headway with their technique on a beautiful Grade III (name unknown), running laps on a steep chandeliered section...with a brand new rope! New member Tony Valosek made his way into the drainage behind a gaggle of pups, with his significant other at his side...from high above on the ice, we thought perhaps an Iditarod musher had lost his way until we saw a pair of Black Prophets being brandished!

Long-time (but rarely seen!) member, Chan Simonds, was present climbing in fine form on a number of challenging routes...great to see him considering his busy schedule. Other participants included Paul(Porch Monkey)Templeton, Tim("I'm gonna Roast!")Griffin, Mark and Seth Miraglia, Bailey Reichard, Markus and Ecker(sp?) Doerry, Kirk Towner, Shawn O'Donnell, Wade Collins, Jay Rowe, and two wildmen from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Rock Decker and Greg Miller! In general, the ice conditions were in fairly good shape considering the time of year...Rhythm and Blues along with the Thag-O-Mizer not having formed up at all. Travel up-river was good with minimal overflow; skis/snowshoes being unnecessary. Hints of making this trip an annual affair were bantered about. Many new faces mixed in with the usual gang this time around...a splendid time in Caribou Creek, indeed!

### *The Ramp*

by Kathy Zukor



On March Sixth, the MCA sponsored a trip to the Ramp. That day was a Saturday and a beautiful day at that. Seven of us reported to the Glen Alps parking lot some time that morning. We were Sam Pepper, Melonie Rieck, Mark Longden, Ed Westegard, Dennis Munford,

Sam Griffiths, and myself. We strolled down the powerline pass trail and veered off towards the Ramp early. Sam G., the machine, broke trail and motored through the trees and on to the summit snowshoeless and with a still recovering broken foot. The rest of us snowshoed up and followed. Up towards the top we had to kick some steps here and there through some really hard snow and then perform a mildly butt clenching scramble the last few feet to the summit. The biggest challenge of the day, however, was trying



to soak in enough of the sun, the mountains, and the beauty. After the climb most of us gathered at the Moose's Tooth to enjoy good beer, pizza, and company. All in all, it was a great trip.

#### For Sale

- ❶ Koflach Arctic Expedition Boots with extra boot liner. Womens, size 7-1/2. Excellent condition. \$275.00.
  - ❷ Wet suit, 2 piece. REI Womens size 10. Excellent condition. \$85.00
  - ❸ Float bag for rafting. Cascade design. Extra large with shoulder straps. Excellent condition. \$125.00
  - ❹ Whitewater kayak, paddle, and spray skirt. Good condition. \$125.00
- John 333-0489 or pbjd@alaska.net

#### For Sale

- ❶ Feathered Friends high-altitude down parka, men's large, mint condition. \$300.00
  - ❷ Dagger RPM whitewater kayak, good condition, \$300.00
- Josh 245-1943

#### Information Needed

I need information about climbing "Kates Needle" in the Stikine Icecap region? ( near Devils Thumb in southeast AK ) I already have fly-in info but have seen only one photo of the peak and have no info on route/ difficulty etc.  
Brian Rybolt Fircrest, WA at  
rybolt@seanet.com

## MINUTES

### APRIL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at about 7:45 PM. There were a total of approximately 70 people in attendance. Approximately 10 new members or visitors introduced themselves. Mark Miraglia presiding.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Total Revenue	\$5,552.70
Total Expense	\$2,227.50
Due to Reserve	\$3,325.65
Current Balance	\$11,502.14

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### *Hiking and Climbing*

The hiking and climbing chair was out climbing. There were 4 new trip announcements. A list of upcoming trips was published in the April Scree. Signup sheets were available for the upcoming trips. Trip participants were reminded that they have the obligation to acquaint themselves with the nature of the trip and to verify that it is within their capability and experience.

##### *Huts*

Chairperson Mark Miraglia has posters and information to be delivered to the huts, so if you're going in, contact Mark first.

Eklutna River Hut: the MCA is partnering with the American Alpine Club, Chugach State Park, and DNR to design and construct a fancy new hut near the snout of the Eklutna glacier. This hut will be open to the public and is designed to accommodate three smaller parties at once.

There was a brief discussion on commercial use of our cabins. The board will be following up with DNR and concerned parties.

##### *Equipment*

The new policy on club ropes is that they can be used for both training and club-sanctioned trips. They can not be used on personal trips.

##### *Training*

Gary Runa is continuing with Glacier Travel & Crevasse Rescue training. A 3-day fly-in training trip is scheduled for May with a planned student to instructor ratio of 3:1. Possible location is Little Switzerland. Basic mountaineering and Alaska winter camping skills are required. See Gary for details and check the Scree.

The club is also looking for a volunteer to be the new training chairperson. Anyone interested should contact a board member.

#### OLD BUSINESS

The new **Club Trip Hotline** voice-mail system for getting latest news on club trips is up and running. The phone number is 566-4MCA, that's 566-4622. Press 1 for general info, press 2 for club-sanctioned trips, and press 3 for personal trips.

**Seward Highway "climb responsibly" sign project:** a signup sheet was placed for volunteers interested in helping the club place these signs.



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**Commercial use of MCA huts:** The following is a summary of club policy on commercial use of MCA huts: Huts are available to the general public through membership of the MCA. Photos of club huts can not be used in commercial brochures. Appropriate guiding outfits have been contacted and advised.

#### NEW BUSINESS

None.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

An excellent slide show on an attempt on Makalu was humorously presented by Kevin Turinsky.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cory Hinds  
Secretary

### HIKING AND CLIMBING ADDENDUM

#### June 5-7 Mint Hut Trail Work Weekend

Stay at the Motherlode Lodge Friday and Saturday nights. Up early to really clear out the over growth and celebrate National Trails Day. Bring leather gloves, loppers, large day pack, water bottles (2 minimum), hand saws, 2 instant breakfasts and 2 lunches.

Contact- Scott Bailey 696-7250

